

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
***2018 Atlantic Ocean Commercial Striped Bass Transfer Rules — Effective October 9, 2018***

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.15.04F-H, announces the following temporary and permanent transfer rules for the commercial striped bass fishery in the Atlantic Ocean for the 2018 quota year:

- A Striped Bass Atlantic Ocean Fishery permit or allocation may be temporarily or permanently transferred during the quota year from October 1, 2018 through December 17, 2018.
  - The minimum allocation increment for an allocation transfer will be 540 pounds, or the entire remaining allocation if the transferor has less than 540 pounds.
  - For each increment of 540 pounds transferred, the transferor must return 50 tags to the department. If the transfer is less than 540 pounds, all remaining tags assigned to the transferor must be transferred to the transferee.
  - For each increment of 540 pounds received, the transferee will be issued 50 new tags by the Department.

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